

THE

Reviv'd Fugitive:

A

Gallant Historical

NOVEL.

Dedicated to Her

HIGHNESS

The DUTCHESS of Brun-
swig, Lunebourg, and Zell.

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TO HER
Serene Highness,
THE
Dutcheſs of Brunſwig,
Lunebourg, and Zell.

Madam,

DIvers PROTE-
STANTS ha-
ving ſought after
Victory through Flight,
their Retreat cannot fail
of ſuch Adventures as are
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surprizing, and that have very much of the Roman-tick Air. Those poor people have been assaulted in so many manners, that they are become ingenious in Intreagues, and in finding out unknown Ways, to deceive the subtlety and vigilance of their Persecutors, which might have forc'd them to serve that which is not God, in its own Nature. This Reviv'd Fugitive's *a-
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version to a strange Wor-
ship was very great, those
attempts which she has
made to prevent her ha-
ving any share in it, have
been as great. She has
overcome her self to master
those Obstacles, which were
oppos'd to her Liberty, and
that Providence which usu-
ally gives its blessing to those
Cares which we take not
to be separated from the
true Religion, has govern'd
all the steps which she
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has made to avoid so sad
a separation, and has
snatch'd her more than
once out of the jaws of
Death, that she might at
last secure a Good, which
by the Gospel is termed
the Good Part, and the
sole necessary thing. I
address to you, Madam,
the Relation of it; with
all the respect due to your
Merits and Elevation. Di-
vers Reasons ought to
make me fear that I may
be

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be blam'd for taking the liberty to offer you so small a thing, and I ought to have fear'd to expose my self in so great a Light. But I take Heart, Madam, and I despair not, but that you will look on this small Piece with a favourable Eye, and that you will have so much bounty as to descend to this Reviv'd Fugitive, all neglected as she is. I have cause to believe so, when

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when I represent to my self
how great the Love is, and
how strong the application,
which you have for our
Religion; what will not
be your joy to see her
Triumph in her Person over
those terrible Temptations,
which Love, and Interest,
and the Examples and So-
licitations of a Brother
have assail'd her with:
That in her Adventures
there has been such extra-
ordinary Circumstances,
that

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that are not wholly unworthy of your Highnesses Curiosity, and that being of a Province, which the Heavens has honour'd with so Illustrious a Birth, as that of your Highness; she does hope that you will not disapprove her Ambition, to treat you with a Dish of your own Countrey fare; she even flatters her self with the thoughts that you will concern your self in your Country Womans evil
and

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and good fortunes, and that you will be pleas'd to unwear your self some moments, in the consideration of those dreadful dangers, with which her Life has been threatned, and of the wonderful manner by which she has been free'd from them. May the Heavens, Madam, cover yours with its powerful Protection, and continue plentifully to shoure on your Highness its Blessings, and

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and on your Noble Family. These are the Vows which are made with all the Zeal imaginable, by

MADAM,

Your most Serene Highnesses

Most Humble, and Most

Obedient Servant,

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NOVEL.

LOve never did kindle so bright a flame, as that which *Madmoiselle* of *Charlieu* did preserve in her heart for the Knight *St. Hubert*, notwithstanding all the Reasons which she thought to have to drive it from thence, strengthened with that great reservedness which she has always profess'd. And peradventure, that there was never seen such a ten-

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derness as that of the Knight
St. Hubert, for the *Charming*
Madmoiselle of *Charlieu*. They
 were both of one Province, but
 the Knight's inclinations having
 led him to make his first Cam-
 paigns in a very young Age, he
 had not had time to observe the
 Beauty of a Person who was then
 but in her Spring, and in a ten-
 der Delineation. Wherefore, it
 was not till she was at *Paris*,
 at the Opera of *Phaeton*, that he
 learnt that which he had remain'd
 ignorant of till then. He was
 come to Court to sollicite for a
 a vacant Employ at Court, and
 the Lady's Brother, to follow a
 Sute in the grand Chamber.
 That rencounter of Business was
 to signifie something to him, and
 did prognosticate to his indiffe-
 rence some considerable Adven-
 tures, that made him to lend to
 the Ornaments of the Theatre
 but

but an indifferent attention; and while agreeable Musick did possess his Ear, he had no Eyes, but for a young Stranger, who was easie to be distinguish'd from the rest, by her own Person.

He had some knowledge of all the Beauties that made a figure at *Paris*, and the Charmes of that new Object oblig'd him to reproach himself of neglect, not without severe reflections: He enquir'd of a Gentleman of his acquaintance, Whether that Face was new to him; and because he could no be well inform'd by him, he flatter'd himself with the hopes to learn more of her at the going out of the Palace.

Fortune did favour him in that, for having had her always in view, it luckily happen'd, to gratify his Curiosity, that a Priest who carried the Sacrament to a sick Person, passing by at that

time, she hastily turn'd back in the Alley, to get to her Coach before the great Gate, where she order'd it should wait for her.

Those marks of a true right Hugonot, or Protestant, were not capable to divert him from the satisfaction he propos'd to inform himself thoroughly at *Charanton*, which is the place where those of the Reformed Religion have a Church allow'd them. He returned to his Inn, well satisfied with so happy a discovery, and resolv'd to go thither the very next Day to Church. But it was his ill fortune not to find there what he sought after. The King had not yet caus'd the Edict to be Proclam'd, which forbids the Hugonots to suffer any Roman Catholics in their Assemblies; and that which might have rais'd some scruple in the Knight, (who
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was an absolute worthy Person) could not yet produce any in him. He remain'd in the Church very quiet during the whole Sermon, which that Day was deliver'd by an eminent Preacher; and he being not a Romanist by meer stubbornness and Caprichio, he found nothing in it that was either horrid or black.

This first quest having succeeded so ill, he thought to have mistaken himself in his judgment, and he began to attribute to hazard and meer chance that fear which his pretended Religio-nary had been put in the Day before. He return'd to Paris in a greater disorder than ever, and almost dead with desire of retrieving so delicate a Beauty. He run over all the choicest parts of the City in hopes to find her; he often walk'd in the Tuilleries, and in that odd kind of uneasiness,

he would know, at what rate so
 ever, the Name and Birth of so
 rare an Object. One Day that
 the Weather was very fair, and that
 he was seriously thinking in the
 most remote part of the Labi-
 rinth on the oddness of his Stars,
 he heard his own Name mentio-
 ned very near to him. ' I con-
 ' fess, *said a Lady to a friend of*
 ' *hers, that Monsieur of St. Hubert*
 ' is brave, that he has a great
 ' deal of sence and discernment;
 ' with all that can be requir'd be-
 ' sides to nicely carry on an In-
 ' treague; there is something in
 ' his Air which Charms at first
 ' sight; and I no sooner had seen
 ' him, but I distinguished him
 ' from the Croud; but my dear
 ' Child, he is a Man, and doubt-
 ' less that he is as apt as others
 ' to run into those defects so
 ' incident to Men of sence; I
 ' mean Levity and Indiscretion.

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This Discourse being expressed after a very tender Manner, had render'd him extreamly attentive, and peradventure he might have drawn some light from thence, if the coming of two other Ladies into that Walk, where he stood before unseen, had not disturb'd the others Conversation who sought out a more retir'd place, leaving that Post so advantageous to our Knight.

He, not to lose any time, did all he could to rejoyne them immediately, and having slid along the Walks, he at last got to the appointed place, but all did disappear, and with much to do he gather'd up a *Billet* half cover'd over with Leaves; he knew not whether he had best to read it immediately, and his great desire to follow the Ladies had hindred him from it, if by chance he had not seen in it the word Love.

writ in a large Character. This Onset is too fair not to peruse the rest, said he presently to himself; then having laid it quite open, he found in it what follows.

BILLET.

LOve affords me less quiet than ever, Madam, and I heartily wish that in granting me the one, you were pleased to afford me the other also. I thought that Lovers were not made to suffer Eternally, or at least, that something was to be born of them, yet I find quite the contrary in adoring you; you are still the same, as well as your Charms; and if after you have let me know I was not wholly indifferent to you, you still treat me as an Enemy, I shall doubtless destroy my self.

There needed not, so much to
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render our Knight a Philosopher, and to lead him into serious Reflections; but he believ'd it a point of Prudence, and a concern to his quiet, first to know those Ladies who had nam'd him, and who probably had lost the *Billet*. He run to the most frequented Avenue, and his surprize was somewhat great, to see depart from thence that Person whom he sought in all places, accompanied with another Lady; he presently imagin'd that it was they who had nam'd him, and burning with a vehement desire to speak to them, he was drawing near with that Design, when they put on their Masks, and got into a Neighbouring Walk. He therefore was contented with simply observing them; and being joyn'd by a Friend, he thought he might without any more ado go and rest himself on

a Bench, with him, of which the Ladies had already made Choice. There were others also sitting there, and every body being very particular, his Curiosity inspired him to go and give a Servant Orders who waited for him at the Garden Gate, to be in readiness to follow that Coach which he should shew him, and to give him a faithful account of it.

He was scarce got out, when a little Foot-boy, having enquired of his Chair-men, whether that was Monsieur of St. *Hubert*, did hastily deliver him a Letter, of which it had been said, *That He himself should bring back the Answer.* He presently imagin'd it to be one of those obscene *Billets* with which Debauch'd Women are wont to Regale Persons by little express Messages; and having cast it on the Ground, he was making an end to order his
Man

Man what he had to do, when the unknown Lady came, got into her Coach, and steer'd her Course towards the *Red-Bridge*.

The Knight having made a sign to his Man, he ran as fast as he could after it, so that the hopes to learn before Night, where dwelt that Beautiful Person; having given him time to reflect on what he had lately done, he sought again after his *Billet*, vex'd that he had not read it; and by good fortune having found it again in the same place where he had thrown it, he pass'd his time in the perusal of it, expecting his Spies return.

Judging by what it contain'd, that it was an Answer to that which he had found in the Labyrinth, he was in so great an amazement that he had much to do to get out of it. He was informed that the Lady lov'd passionately

sionately the Gentleman for whom it was design'd, and at the same time fancying that it was his fair unknown Creature, who apparently was pierc'd with a violent Love for some other, he conceiv'd thereat an unexpressible trouble; The Mistake was too evident to draw any Consequences from thence to his advantage; he did not know her, he had never spoken to her, far from having any Intreague with her, and the Errour was but too visible to be mistaken in it.

Mean time he was bemoaning his Destiny, and in his Complaint he thought on his Adventure with so much application, that three Officers came up to him which he did not perceive. You ponder a little too much in Publick, our dear Kinsman, *said one of the three to him*, who was effectually of the same Family; and if you were

were in humour to come to
 ——— to dissipate, at the favour
 of a little Debauch, that Melancholy which overcomes you,
 we should all be oblig'd to you
 for it. 'Lais! poor Man! *said*
another, doubtless some Angel has
 appear'd to him in the Garden,
 which has ravish'd him into an
 Extasie; and, if I mistake not,
added the third, he has met
 there with *Rue* and *Parslee*. Cou-
 rage Knight, *said they all three*
to him at once, he is now in his
 Noviciate of Love, he is now a
 right Knight, a Knight in all the
 forms, and without Circumspe-
 ction, farewell to all Pleasures,
 and to all the *Philles's*. These Com-
 pliments did somewhat amaze
 him, being partly got out of
 it, he disguis'd as well as he
 could the troubles of his Mind.
 You are too gay by half, an-
 swer'd he, smiling, and if you
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had businessses at Law, you would not so frequently think of running over all the best Treasures of *Paris*; go your ways you idle Fellows, continu'd he, one small grain of folly would not do amiss, to render you a little wiser, and more moderate; you are *Horaces*, and meer Slaves to your passions! upon this, they endeavour'd to take him along with them, and all his resistance had been in vain, if he had not thought on a come off which succeeded to his mind.

These troublesome Men being gone at last, he plung'd himself more deeply than ever in the examination of the two *Billets*; and having easily rectify'd them by comparing, he absolutely concluded that there was some reciprocal Love, and that he should do very ill to dive any further in that Mystery. But who knows not, that it is the weakness of the

the Bravest Souls, to cleave to all that appears the most difficult to perform; and the more trouble there is to overcome, the more Glorious seems to them the Achievement. This Person made it a point of Honour to push this Adventure to the end, and to give himself up to the government of his good or ill Star; he once more read the last *Billet*, which was writ in the following terms.

BILLET.

I Had foreseen that you would make me some Reproaches, and I might have prepar'd beforehand this Answer for you. I know your ways, and if I mistake not, you pretend to act Souldier-like every where; but learn, that there is a vast difference betwixt to Love, and to Fight, and that a Lover can never Triumph, but in his Defeat.

Defeat. This is a Lesson of which you may profit, if it is not your own fault. Farewell.

Ha! most charming unknown Person, cry'd he to himself at this conclusion, what Dispositions should I find in my self to obey you? and with what joy should I become your Scholar? But you already love, and I cannot complain that love has imprinted such extraordinary charms. While he was thus Philosophising on that Constellation, his Man, quite out of breath, came to give him an account at large of his Commission. He told him, that he knew positively where that Person dwelt whom he had follow'd, That it was a Royal Palace, abounding in Servants, and that he would conduct him to't when he pleas'd.

This Relation ended, he would
not

not defer going thither; his Chairman follow'd his Servant, and great was his surprize to see himself carry'd to the Palace of *Mars*, whose Attendants 'tis likely his Man had taken for Livery-men: He was ready to correct him for his gross mistake; and if the small stay which he had made in *Paris*, having been but one week in that City, had not excused him, he had at that very moment made tryal of the effects of his ill humour; yet he resolv'd to see there that Person which caus'd him so much trouble.

Nor had he fail'd so to do, if that the same Curiosity which had drawn her to behold that stately Structure, had not invited her to go elsewhere to do the like also. He was forced to rest satisfy'd as well as he could; and Monsieur of *Louis* being but just alighted there from *Meudon*, to visit ac-

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according to his custom that House, all whose Inhabitants consider him as their Patron; he left off his pursuit, to mention his business to him, and the opportunity being so favourable, he receiv'd from him such an answer as he could wish for, with Orders to go to *Versailles* in few days.

This beginning of Love having thus given place to his Ambition, he was punctual to observe his Directions, and he receiv'd his brief with such ease as is rare to be found with such Great Ministers of State: who to support himself against that envy which is inseparable from his place, seeks but after little other protection, than that which he finds in his Masters good will and favour. He gain'd by so generous a proceeding, *St. Huber's* whole esteem, who had no other regret to see him in so great an elevation, but because

because it left him without the power to express his acknowledgments to him for the same.

Of truth he is naturally acknowledging, and that which frequently causes Men to pass from Love, to indifferency, does on the contrary, more strongly kindle in him the heat of his passion. Wherefore he has never given that way any cause of Complaint, and it may be said, that he perfectly knows the Art of Love without that of feigning. That Journey which had acquir'd him a considerable Employ, had not however quite settled his mind, he had thought himself unhappy to go for *Nancy*, where his Orders required him to be, without having spoken to her whose Orders had been yet more precious to him.

He was returning in his usual dumps, and was already crossing the Wood of *Beulogne*, when he found

found himself stopp'd by two or three confus'd Voices, mixt with some breakings forth of Laughter, which seem'd to come from the thickest part of that Forrest, and by a Picture-Case which he perceiv'd to sparkle in the Mudd, he presently alighted, and having taken it up with some haste, he was extreemly surpriz'd at the opening of it, to find the Copy of that Person, whose Original he sought after in all places. He reckon'd much on that rencounter, and believing there would be no hurt in drawing near to that place whence the noise came, he commanded his people to wait for him.

He had not made many steps, but he perceiv'd the Viscount St. Hubert his Cousin, with some Ladies, which for having been overturn'd in the Dirt, thought they had a great cause of laughter; that

that their fall had not been accompany'd with any sinister Accident, and that they were quit of it, for having given as they fell some kisses to the Viscount: Mean time their Coach being broke, it had been sent back to *Paris*, and they expected another in that part of the Forrest. He then did soon judge that the Picture had been lost by that accident, and not believing himself oblig'd to mention it so soon, he offer'd to that fair Company his Coach, to go to *Versailles*, where he also resolv'd to return. The Ladies did long refuse his offer; and had not the Viscount labour'd to make them accept of it, he had been entirely refus'd.

There were four convenient places in it, he convinc'd them that he could dispose of his Kinsman, and that it would be ridiculous not to improve his offers; where-
upon

upon they having seated themselves, they continued their way. This diversion had been concluded on two days before with those two Ladies, who had dexterously engag'd *St. Hubert* to accompany them, not but that he had very pressing business in Town, where a Mistress's nicity did oblige him to observe very exact measures. But being naturally very officious, and they very intimate with him, he had impos'd upon himself to be of that Match. They were going to give a Visit to a Marchioness, which was to last some days. Some days, reply'd the Knight to his Kinsman's ear, so soon as he heard it, some days at *Versailles*: faith, Vicount, I fancy thou wilt have but an ill time of it, and if I am not mistaken, *Paris* would divert thee much better than *Versailles*. The Court has somewhat of bustle in it, continu'd he
aloud,

aloud, in a foppish tone, which frequently makes solitude to be prefer'd to all its Charms ; so many Circumstances of cautiousness and exactness are uneasy ; and for my part, I never go, but when I think I have some business there.

Upon this the Ladies discours'd on the pleasures of the Court, and of the Country, not giving St. Hubert any time to answer, who was almost dead with desire to have the Knight clear his Riddle ; and those Discourses having put him in mind of a Present which he had lately receiv'd, he put his hand to his Pocket, and having not found there what he sought after, he two or three times chang'd Countenance. It was a Bracelet of his Mistress's hair, which he had obtain'd after divers instances, the loss of which, did grieve him mortally.

He presently fancy'd that it
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might have faln out at that place where they had over-turnd, and not being able to disguise his uneasiness, he got out of the Coach so soon as they were at their Journeys end, to send People to make an exact search after it. The Knight who had taken notice of that Concern, believ'd that it was on the account of the Picture, and taking delight to leave in some trouble a Person whom he thought too happy, he took no notice of what he had taken up: he said to himself, that he might well keep for some time the Copy of so Charming an Original, whose first sight had so violently disturb'd him. Those disorders continu'd not long, the presence of the Ladies did at least impose some Constraint on them; and feigning on all hands very cunningly, they got to an Inn to rest themselves, cackled more than ever,

ever, and at last conducted the Gentlemen to the young Marchionesses Lodgings.

They were no less surpriz'd the one than the other in approaching that Lady ; they Saluted her, and the Viscount seeming not to know her, was resolv'd to remain serious ; if the two others could have forbore to Laugh. In this intricacy , the Knight thought there was some Enchantment ; and, not knowing what to think of such an unexpected Rencontre , was in the greatest amazement imaginable , to find that Stranger who had caus'd him so much trouble in the Person of the Marchioness. He drew near to a Window to clear the business the more ; and distrusting his own Eyes, he drew the Picture out of his Pocket, where he observ'd the same Face , though the Painter had flatter'd never so little.

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While they were jesting with the Viscount on the frolick his Mistress had put upon him, in causing him to make her a Visit in a place, whence she was believ'd far distant, he had time to recollect himself from the disorder that surprize had put him in; and contenting himself with storming against his ill Fortune, he at last appear'd less discountenanc'd than any. Mean time, he return'd a Thousand Thanks to the Company, for the advantageous Cheat had been put upon him; and all transported with joy, as he was, he lost himself in the the young Marchioness's Looks, and in the marks of so particular a favour. The Knights presence did somewhat restrain her fancy on that Article, and though her Lover frequently repeated that he was not to be suspected, she judg'd it convenient not to admit the Viscount

count to the height of Courtship, and turning the Conversation, on what had happen'd to them on the Road, she then gave clearly to understand that all had been done by her Command, that she might have time to get first to *Versailles*, which gave the Count occasion to say the pleasantest things in the World on innocent malice.

Yet would the loss of his Bracelet come by fits into his Mind, and the Knight, who omitted not to observe the least alteration in his Face, did secretly applaud himself on his happy meeting with the Picture. This joy set him in a very gay Humour, and having drawn near to the beautiful Marchioness, he said so many ingenious and gallant things to her, that the two others were disturb'd at it. He spoke to them in their turn also, and for the

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first Acquaintance, he had made a very fair Progress.

This was about the time that a Ballet was to be Danc'd at Court; the Court was to be very Magnificent, and those Rejoicings which were but the Preludes to the Caroussel, of which so much has been said, having lasted some Days to divert some strange Ambassadors, it retain'd our Troop there a whole Week also, after which they return'd to *Paris*. Mean time, the Viscount had had no News of his Bracelet, and the Knight had always in his Mind the advantage which he had over his Love. Yet at last his Generosity prevailing over his Interest, he resolv'd to Sacrifice himself to his Cozens quiet: He struggled long before he overcame, and taking a firm Resolution to go and clear that Point with him, he would not defer it one moment

ment longer, for fear of relapsing into his former weakness. He gave him an account in few words of all his whole Adventure, those of the Billets and of the Picture; which he presented to him. He assur'd him, that having been so happy as to obtain from Monsieur de Louvois, what he desir'd, he had no further thoughts but to return presently, to that place where his Order engag'd him to repair, and that he desired nothing from him but to render himself Depositary of a Complement for his Mistress, in the fear that a second sight might inspire him with new designs. The Viscount ravish'd with this Generosity, without Example, did hastily embrace him, and observing by his Eyes that he spoke in good earnest, they both so molified their Bosoms, that they had much to do to avoid

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shedding of Tears. They gave to each other a Thousand assurances of Friendship; and if the Viscount had so far been Master of his Mistress's Heart, as to dispose of it in favour of another, he had endeavour'd to have yielded it to him. He afterwards took the Two Billets, the one of his, the other of his Mistress's Hand, the Porter having doubtless mistaken, through the conformity of Names, and the Rencontre, seeing the other had pass'd but a moment before by the same place, when he had press'd him to be of their little Debauch: As to the Picture, he confess'd 'twas none of his, but it extreamly resembling his Mistress, he so prest the Knight to go a long with him to clear the business with her, that at last he resolved to do it.

They found her in a very neat Dress, though negligent; and it was

was easie to be observ'd, that if dressing became her, she also did very much set off her Dress by her own Lustre, by her Air, and by her Shape. She look'd on the Picture with amazement, and made answer when they would have made it pass for hers, that it never had been so; that furthermore she knew her self so well, that she would never have resign'd it into the hands of any Person capable of so great a neglect. Those last Words were Reproaches to the Viscount, who could not forget the loss - he had made; he was sensibly mov'd at it; and if his Billet had not given him occasion to convince her of a carelessness, of which he himself was but too guilty, he had not deferr'd his own punishment, he resolv'd however not to mention any thing of it to her; and the Knight being fallen into

a Conversation, in order to explain some things of the Opera, the Labirinth, and the Hospital, he then complain'd of the loss of the Billet, and express'd a Resentment, in which his Conscience was not in the least concern'd. She got out of that business, with a look that pierc'd him to the very Soul, and which gave him to understand more than any thing else, that her tenderness had not the least share in that accident. That was therefore an absolute Command to be silent, nether did the Knight know what to say, when she declar'd that the Opera, and the Hospital of *Mars*, had no part in her story: That of truth she had been at the Tuilleries that Day he mention'd; and that as to the other circumstances, of having put on her Mask, and retir'd in another unfrequented Walk to rest
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her self, all that was new to her. That was express'd in such an affirmative accent, that he knew not what to imagine. He steadfastly beheld her without speaking; and the more he look'd on her, the more he confirm'd himself in his Error. Finally, he was quite undeceiv'd by assured Circumstances, and what pass'd at first in his Mind as a great truth, appear'd to him at last but as a meer illusion. He knew not what to conjecture of that Face, that was so resembling that of this Marchioness, he five or six times felt his own Pulse, to know whether he was not in a Fever; or at least, whether he was not turn'd Visionarist: And for fear of turning Wizard at *Paris*, he resolv'd to go out of it the next Day, with his Picture, which he began to find a Thousand times more real

than the Person which it represented.

He instantly took his leave of those Two Lovers; and having gone towards Night to his Kinsman to bid him farewell, he found him in the resolution to accompany him in his Journey. The design which had been fram'd on *Luxembourg*, had oblig'd every Officer to repair to his Post against the 15th. of *September*. That oblig'd the Viscount to quit his Mistress, to join his Regiment that was at *Metz*; he put back their Journey for Three Days, to bestow them wholly on his Mistress; after which, they both took Post in the great Road to *Strasburg*.

Every one is sufficiently inform'd of the first Bombarding of that Town; Monsieur the Marshal of *Crequi*, having been oblig'd, because of the cold Weather,

ther, to put off that Enterprize till the next Spring; mean time, possessing all the Posts which cut off all Communications, and form'd the Blockado, the Troops retir'd into their Winter Quarters, and the Viscount finding himself at liberty to return to his Amours, or rather to conclude his Marriage with the Marchioness, who had frequently writ to him, he receiv'd one the Night before his setting forth, which overcame him with grief. We have already said, that she was very nice, and that quality, which she deriv'd more from a strong Passion, than any other Principle, had made her to draw consequences which were prejudicial to her Lover. This is what she express'd of them.

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I Was already convinc'd of the levity of Men in General; but I believ'd at least that it was not without exception, and that I might trust your fidelity. Mean time you have deceiv'd me, and the only comfort that I have left, is, that I never was but half so. My weakness did not proceed without Reflections, and I no longer doubt, after your treachery, that distrust is the sole preservation of our Sex. Adieu.

Thrice did he read over the same Words, to find out a sense contrary to the true one; he as oft examin'd himself without apprehending whence so sudden an effect should proceed; and sometimes believing himself guilty, then anon again innocent, he fell
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into a dumps, out of which he had much ado to retrieve himself. All this while his Love reproach'd him nothing, he found nothing in his past conduct that Condemn'd him; but according to that Maxime, that will have the Lover to be always in the wrong, he at last concluded, that his Mistress had all the right imaginable. He was to go justify himself without delay. Scarce did he give himself time sufficient to go and embrace his Kinsman, and to declare to him the necessity of that precipitation.

This had wish'd to have return'd along with him, and nothing had prevented him, had not a Family concern, which requir'd his presence, call'd him home. He instantly went thither, and finding himself oblig'd to pass there part of the Winter, he no longer thought of *Paris* but with sighs.

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He had a certain grief at it, which discovering it felt sufficiently on his face, did oblige him to seek after a thousand occasions to dissipate it.

He frequently went to Hunt, to which the moderate Climate of his Province did much contribute: he made matches of Divertisements with his whole Neighbourhood, and thus endeavour'd to recompence himself in the Countrey, of those pleasures which he lost there. A Protestant Gentleman, named *Chanlieu*, was one of his first acquaintances; he was very agreeable, and the Charms of a Sister of *St. Hubert* drawing him frequently thither, he found with him wherewith to pass his time. It is true, that Madmoiselle of *St. Hubert*, taking delight to hear him, had consequently the greatest share in his Visits; but after all, the Knight had some share

share in them also: and having taken some of those visits on his own account, he thought himself oblig'd to return them him. He therefore went to visit *Chanlieu* in his Estate, and having declar'd that he design'd to remain three days with him, the first had no other thoughts but to divert him by all manner of means.

Chance did furnish him with one which he could not otherwise expect; he learnt that *St. Hubert* did passionately love Musick, and that he might be regal'd by the Ears, as well as by the Eyes. He writ to a friend of his in the next Town, to engage a Select number of Choice Persons, which delighted in Consorts, to come to his House, with all those Instruments they usually employ'd with their Voice. *Chanlieu* was a friend to every body, and his friend needed not to use much Entreaties to get

get their Consent: He gave notice of it to Madmoiselle of *Chanlieu*, who had been two days in that Town, and having told her that her Brother design'd to give an Opera to Monsieur of St. *Hubert*, she resolv'd to be of the Match, and to agreeably surprize them that way. Madmoiselle of *Chanlieu* who took no notice that mention had been made of Monsieur, and not of Madmoiselle St. *Hubert*, did really believe that it was she that had come to visit her; and on the pressing solicitations of St. *Sauveur*, so was that friend nam'd, who was a Gentleman of the Protestant Religion, she no longer deferr'd to go joyn them. Notice was sent to Monsieur *Chanlieu*, that he should have cause to be satisfied, and that his Coach would be expected. Mean time they employ'd their thoughts about what Persons they should represent;

sent; and having all met at the Rendezvous, they were plac'd at the end of the Hall, where the form of an Alcove seem'd to represent a kind of Theatre; at both ends of which, had been suspended two large Sconces, garnish'd with Tapers.

Chantieu, which above all did wish his Mistress to partake of this Regalia, had engag'd the Knight to write to her; so that having them both at his House, he insensibly conducted them to the design'd place: after which, the sign being given, the Candles were instantly lighted, all the Instruments began a prelude, very agreeably maintain'd, and the Opera follow'd with great applause. The Actors out-did themselves in this Occasion; but all overcame *St. Hubert*, when, he perceiv'd there that face, who had so deeply wounded him at the Opera of *Phaeton*.

Phaeton. His surprize was great at the first sight of so agreeable a Company; but he believ'd himself in an Enchanted place, when he beheld there that Person, who began to pass for an Enchantress in his thoughts. He drew near to his Sister to inform himself more particularly of it, when she left the rest of her Company to come and embrace her, yet some small tincture colour'd her face more than ordinary, at the sight of the Knight, who taking no further notice for the present, shew'd his respects to her.

That friendship which he perceiv'd so great betwixt those two Persons, fill'd him immediately with joy and pleasure; he took his time to approach her, and the Consort having chang'd into a kind of Ball, he made her a thousand excuses for not having known her sooner. He told her, after a gallant

gallant manner, that neither his heart nor his eyes had any thing to reproach him with on that account, that she distinguish'd herself too much to be deceiv'd, and that no person could behold her face, without perceiving divers admirable things. He after that did invite her to Dance, and it so falling out according to order, that he was to give her the preference in all respects; he still entertain'd her most agreeably, he ingenuously turn'd his Discourse on the stay she had made at *Paris*; and no longer fearing to be deceiv'd, he felt within him a joy that cannot be express'd. He thought there was something so singular in his Adventures, that he was wrapt up in admiration of them, as well as the Beauty that had produc'd them; and abandoning himself blindly to his fate, an ardent passion took possession of his mind; his

his eyes did no longer belye his heart, and running over his mistake, he reproach'd himself a thousand times for having set up the Marchioness in her place in his mind, and for not having observ'd all that difference which he was sensible of at present. The truth is, they were extream like one another, and that a little more of youth, and softness of features, made all the difference.

Mean time abundance of things were in agitation in the bosome of St. *Sauveur*, he had long since observ'd that Madmoiselle of *Chaulieu* was the loveliest Person in the World, but he had never had any thoughts to love her; he liv'd with her as with a friend, for whom he had a great esteem and friendship, without any further Consequences, and it was in this Company that he first found a great alteration in his heart. It continually

continually set before his eyes that Object with all its Charms, and his mind being flatter'd at the beginning, he took in large draughts of a most dangerous Poison.

Though he was not altogether of so great a Quality as was Mademoiselle of *Chantieu*, yet he had sufficiency of Birth, Wit, and Means, to aspire to her Conquest; besides that, being both of one Religion, he believ'd that sufficient to overcome all Obstacles. He was naturally very undertaking, so that in hopes to easily make her pass from friendship to Love, he readily embark'd himself, and resolv'd to take just measures. On the contrary, the Knight was timid, and consequently had had but little rest since his return home; he would frame to himself strange Monsters to overcome, and if he had been able, he had divested himself of a passion, which
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was to cost him his whole quiet.

Alas! what a difficult thing it is to vanquish ones self when one Loves much, and how little signifies a greatness of Soul against the power of a violent passion? all his struglings were useless, and Madmoiselle of St. *Hubert* having observ'd a great Change in his Person, she was forc'd to press him very hard, to get from him an acknowledgement of his weakness; No Sister, said he to her, Love shall not long be my Master, I'll be gone to morrow, and Madmoiselle of *Chanlieu's* Charms shall not have leisure to reason on their Victory, after their Triumph over me: Ah! thou beautiful *Hugonet*, how Catholick are thy Charms, and your Person little agreeing with what is told us of your Religion: he had proceeded in his Complaints, had not his Sister made a full stop there, to
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reason on his passion: She lov'd *Chaulieu*, and she having the same difficulties to Combate in her turn, she represented to her Brother, that he too much magnify'd the Objects, and that those difficulties that appear'd so great to him, were not however Unconquerable: that she had formerly much reason'd within her self on such a like matter, and that she had found in it more of fear, than of danger.

Let a Lover say what he will, he loves still to be flatter'd, and he cannot be heal'd, without causing some sorrow to him. The Knight thought himself oblig'd to her for this Discourse, and gave her such acknowledgments of it, as he appear'd not Master of; she on her part had great dispositions to serve him, her interest was visibly engag'd in it, so that she was not to deliberate: she made
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to her Brother as ingenious a Confession as he had done to her, and acknowledging to him her weakness for Monsieur of Chanlieu, who after a long assiduoufness, had lighted on the key of her heart: They agreed to act joyntly in that business, for both their advantages.

St. *Hubert* did frequently go to *Chanlieu's*, and the Marquess of *Chanlieu* as frequently to the Knight *St. Huberts*: those frequent Visits did give some opportunities to this last to express by his looks what pass'd in his heart, and his Courtship was always accompany'd with so Eloquent a languishment, that it was not difficult to observe it. He one day told Madmoiselle of *Chanlieu* how dear the first sight of her had cost his Curiosity, with how much earnestness he had sought after her; his Journey to *Ver-*
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saillies, his mistake in another Lady that so much resembled her, and the finding of the Picture. While he was relating these things, his Eyes were fix'd upon her, and learning from her delicate mouth some particulars which assisted him to unravel those Mysteries, he pull'd the Picture out of his Pocket to compare it with the Original.

She then told him, *That before she left Paris she thought to make use of that opportunity to have that Picture drawn, and that having lost it going to Versailles, he whom she had sent to seek for it where it had been lost, had there found a Hair-Bracelet garnish'd with two Lockets, on which some Cyphers had been set with small Diamonds.* He clear'd further that accident also, and she insisting to have the Picture return'd to her in restoring the Bracelet, he was forc'd

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The person concern'd had moreover Qualities capable to overcome all sorts of Considerations, and he was no less to be fear'd by his intricate and subtle Wit, than by his Bravery and by his good Meen. There was nothing but his departure for the Army that caus'd him to rejoyce; for at that time the Protestant Officers having been disgusted, *St. Sauveur* had quitted his Employ the last Campaign, and the Knight was oblig'd to render himself at his, within the space of six Weeks.

Wherefore he fore-knowing that ill fate, he manag'd as well as he could all his moments to the best advantage for his Love, and lost none of those in which he could in anywise promote his Loves interest. He discover'd to *Chanlieu* all that he felt for his Sister. He implor'd his assistance, and assur'd him,

him, That he would be very sensible of all his good Offices, and they both running the same Fortune, it was no hard thing for him to make him his. They swore to one another an eternal Friendship, and being parted, the Knight return'd to his Sister, and gave her many thanks. He conjur'd her to believe, that he was sensible of her kindness to the height he ought to be, and he would give her some particular marks of it all his life time ; He gave her to understand, That it could be but through her means he should be happy, and that Mademoiselle of *Chanlieu* loving most tenderly her Brother, she might easily entertain him in those favourable Dispositions which he had for him.

This proceeding being no new thing to her, he had cause to be contented with the Answer which she made him, and to give him

some more essential Proofs of it; she feign'd a small Indisposition to obtain a Visit from that Lady her dear Friend. The Knight advertis'd of this, took care to make her a gallant and magnificent Reception; and his inclination agreeing wonderfully with his love, it may be concluded, that nothing was omitted; and that he procur'd her all the Divertisements which the season would then afford. He appear'd very earnest to express to her his Joys, and Mademoiselle of *Chanlieu*, who had already perceiv'd his Designs without her Brother's assistance, did not appear more reserv'd than usually; She politickly believ'd, that that ought not to diminish her usual gait, and that a Lover ought to understand himself in his Conjectures. On his part, he had much to do to prevent his Passion from breaking forth with too much violence, and

and he felt a redoubling of the Fitt by such new Charms that he had not perceiv'd before.

St. *Sauveur* who had subtilly introduc'd himself in that Visit, was wonderfully griev'd at it; he was of late become the Argus and Spye of all their Actions, and finding but too much cause to fear and to allarm himself, he lost the best part of his gay Humour; not but that he had a particular Empire over himself to disguise what pass'd in the bottom of his Heart; but let one dissemble never so much, it is ever certain, that Tenderness will always manifest it self in spite of all our greatest caution, and the most subtle Person, when once grown jealous, cannot long constrain himself. He was play'd upon on the account of his ill Humour, and St. *Hubert* mistrusting nothing of the truth, did attribute to his Temper that which proceeded.

ceeded from quite another thing. Mean time he perform'd his Duties with great earnestness, and his Sister acting mutually with him, Mademoiselle of *Chanlieu* did continually meet with some Diversi-
on. So many things gave her to apprehend, what she ought to think of the Knight's looks; she had found a great stock of Virtue and Honesty in his Person, she knew his Merit; but through all those rare Qualities, her budding Love did affright her, and caus'd her to distrust her self. For tho' amongst Persons of Quality, Religion is no obstacle to the strictest Tyes, in these latter times she found a great cause of apprehension; and though Reason seem'd to advise her to be inflexible in that case, she found not strength enough in her self to warrant her love and her weakness; mean time she thought that it were prudence
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in her to avoid the danger : She hastned her return one day the sooner, and took her leave of her Friend, accompany'd with Tears.

But all those Flights were useless ; Love follow'd her steps, and her Sentiments for the Knight were by half too favourable to her mind : There arose a Conflict in her Heart, of which the Success was very uncertain, and Victory waving a long time, nothing was absolutely decided ; She would willingly have cur'd her self to the hazard of her own Quiet, and to that purpose having cast her Eyes on *St. Sauveur*, she an hundred times resolved to receive him kindly, and as often the Knight's Idea would appear and interpose in her Designs.

In the midst of these her Irresolutions, she had but little rest ; and not knowing which party to take, she resign'd the care of her

Heart to its own destiny. *St. Sau-
 veur* who had no time to lose,
 having been to see her at her
 own House some days after her
 return, had fitted himself with a
 Billet, to get some foreknowledge
 of his Fate, and *Chanlien* having
 taken upon him to dextrously
 convey one from *St. Hubert*, he
 had given him these following
 Verses.

*Love is not such a Tyrant as some
 say,
 When they think he destroys, he
 does but play;
 By the late good 'has done me,
 I do find
 He's rather to be courted than
 declin'd.
 If e're from him I receiv'd any
 Harms,
 'Twas in the absence of Selinda's
 Charms,*

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After he had with her Picture
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My panting Heart, that nothing
I desir'd

But to behold th' Original. In
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Of my fruitless Inquest I did com-
plain.

Without success I sought her far
and near,

The more I sought, the more in-
creas'd my fear

Of losing hopes and labour ; till at
last

One moment recompens'd my Tor-
ments past :

No sooner did I once again be-
hold

That charming Creature, but my
Hope grew bold ;

I quite forgot all the troubles and
smart

Her sight and absence had caus'd
in my Heart.

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*The Pleasures I receiv'd at this
review,*

*In some few moments did my Life
renew.*

*If Love alone oppos'd my Heart's
Desires,*

*And was the only thing did damp
my Fires,*

*All the Care, Pains and Sighs,
-that he could cause,*

*I should not value to gain her Ap-
plause :*

*Our differing in Worship 'tis does
prove*

*More fatal to my Vows than gentle
Love ;*

*But now Religion to my Love
must yield,*

*It shall ride Conqueror and win
the Field.*

*To my Confessors I now bid a
dieu.*

I'll constantly adore divine C—

Mademoiselle

Mademoiselle of *Chanlieu's* Name did so justly fall in the end of the last Verse, and St. *Hubert's* Passion was so lively set forth in the whole piece, that it had been left thus imperfect for fear of vexing her; for it had not been difficult to know her self in it at first sight, besides, his Eyes and Actions had already been very powerful Interpreters: But an odd Accident suspended the reading of them for that time. St. *Sauveur* whom love had conducted thither early that morning, and had perceiv'd that when *Chanlieu* deliver'd them to his Sister, he had told her, they proceeded from the Pen of one of his most intimate Friends, thought that he might improve the opportunity: He observ'd where she laid them, to peruse them when alone; He put in their place a Declaration of Love thus worded.

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BILLET by way of Declaration.

I Had formerly the honour to be in the number of your Friends, Madam, and I should always have remain'd in that Calmness I enjoy'd, had not Love at last made me know the difference there is betwixt it and Friendship. I tremble yet at this Confession, and I find my self but too much dispos'd to behold you after a manner which cannot well be express'd.

Mademoiselle of Chanlieu having had a conveniency while they were taking a turn round the Castle, to satisfy her Curiosity, she was surpris'd to find that Billet in the place of that which she expected ; Her mind being piercing and solid, She had thought that her Brother's interest had carry'd
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him to favour the Knight, and that without any further examination, that which he had given her came from him: Having found the contrary at the opening of the Billet, she fell into a musing, out of which she had much to do to get; the hand of him who had writ it was known to her, and her Heart perhaps not agreeing with the Contents of it, she was vex'd with her Brother for having taken upon him a business which extremely displeas'd her, and she dispos'd her self to ill treat them both.

This vexing gave her a secret cause to doubt of the fortitude of her Heart, and persuaded her that it was no longer in a state of making choice; she presently bent her anger on St. Sauveur, and that proceeding which perhaps she had easily forgiven in St. *Hubert*,

bert, did vex her mortally ; nei-
ther did she fail of reproaching
to her self that distinction which
she made, and in representing to
her self an hideous Picture of
Love, wherewith to fortifie her
self against that which insensibly
attack'd her, she resolv'd to ge-
nerally hate all that was Man,
and to incessantly oppose the In-
dulgency of her own Temper.

Mean time *St. Sauveur* desirous
to learn originally the effects of
his Billet, return'd into her A-
partment, and was going to cast
himself at her Feet, when a cer-
tain look seem'd to pronounce the
Sentence of his Condemnati-
on.

He being naturally of an high
Spirit, he thought it would too
much offend his Honour to de-
scend so low ; so that turning the
business into a meer Gallantry,
Really Mademoiselle, said he, *I did*

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not think to offend you in taking advantage of those Bounties you have always express'd to me; it is but for want of understanding well what it is to love, that I have made a theft of which I had not well weigh'd the consequences; but Mademoiselle, I am ready to expiate my fault in all that you shall please to order me to do: And if I have been too foolish, it shall make me wiser for the future: Here are the Verses which I did ill to take, added he, presenting them to her; and seeing I have had the ill fortune to displease you in robbing you of them; I foresee that I do you a singular kindness in restoring them to you again.

She thought at first that St. Sauveur gave her the change; she had heard his Discourse with attention: She remain'd a moment startled at it, but at last having resolved to remain serious, You
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are very inquisitive and very bold she reply'd, to take upon you the knowledge of my Sentiments, after having so sensibly offended me ; in truth, I know not after what manner you pretend to justify your self ; I know that Friendship has its just bounds, and that you have this day appear'd to me very different from your self. This Discourse deliver'd with a little Heat, caus'd him to blush and grow pale again, and his Heart panting with Love and Vexation, knew not what party to take ; when Chanlieu interrupted by his presence a Conversation which began to grow warm ; he presently observ'd some anger on his Sisters face, and guessing the cause to be the reading of the Verses which he had given her ; he thought he was frown'd upon on that occasion ; he appear'd vex'd at it, and drawing from her coldness an
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ill Omen for his Friend; he let himself go to a Sorrow capable to confirm him in his Error. He made a sign to St. *Sauveur* to follow him out, to discourse with him in the cause that could produce so great a Melancholly in so short a time; and this last finding himself confounded with all his Questions, cunningly feigned a necessity of retiring, and took leave of him somewhat hastily. He instantly run to his Sister to learn from her self the cause of this mysterious departure, finding her more chearful than before, she laid all the cause on the unevenness of her temper: Yet durst he not enquire concerning her Sentiments on St. *Hubert's* Gallantry; He thought it more proper to send an Express for him, that he might come and inform himself of his good or bad Fortune; he sail'd not to be there
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the very next day before his Mistress was up, resolv'd to declare his Passion to her in most moving terms.

He felt on this occasion a trouble, which join'd to his natural timidity, put him into a great consternation; he alter'd five or six times his mind, and at last having a little settled himself, and drawn new vigour from the greatness of his Love, he broke that Silence which he had for some time kept, he performed it in a manner accompany'd with an apprehension which did highly grace the beauty of his Complement. He protested to her, *That she was not to be offended but at her own Charms for it, that he had resisted his Passion with vehemency, but that at last he had been forc'd to yield to so many Charms. You may have seen perhaps a slight Draught of my Flame, in my Verses which your Brother*

ther gave you yesterday, added he, beholding her with a languishing Transport ; you ought to look for my excuse but in your Eyes, they are only guilty of the attempt, and all reasoning is to be laid aside when one goes about so fair a Conquest ; there is no Learning nor Morals can hold, and the greatest difficulties are with ease overcome.

This fair one having heard him, without speaking, kept silence a little while longer, and by that shew'd that there pass'd a great Combat in her mind : She at last gave a great sigh, which smother'd part of what she would have answer'd, and she rested satisfy'd in saying, That his Complement was so extraordinary, that she knew not what to judge of it, and that the Age was sufficiently Gallant to have inspir'd him with Follies, so common with the Ingenious ; yet I am willing, continu'd she, to render you
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some Justice in this Rencontre, and
 to believe that there is some Inte-
 grity in your proceeding, what good
 would it do you to love me? And if
 the thing be true, will you not do
 better to cure your self in time, ra-
 ther than to persist to see me? Our
 Religions are at present at open
 Difference, we are crush'd down with
 new Declarations, and it wants but
 little that the Clergy thinks not of
 forbidding the Catholicks on pain
 of Fire not to have any Prote-
 stant Intreagues: Believe me, Knight,
 cure your self, if it be possible, and
 without having occasion of letting
 you know what my Sentiments are;
 be satisfy'd that another should not
 come off so easily. Ab! Madamoi-
 selle, cry'd he at this long Dis-
 course Love is of all Religions,
 and it becomes not Men to make
 Laws for him that rules all the
 World; he little regards dangers,
 and drawing from himself the most
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proper means to his end, he is sufficiently ingenuous to bring about what ever he undertakes : No, Mademoiselle, your Orders are too difficult to perform ; and I have always heard say, that nothing but Death can free one from so fair and so strong a Chain as mine is. He express'd those last words with an ingenuity that was capable to mollify her ; she stood in want of all her Fortitude to prevent him from taking notice of some marks ; so that retiring deeper into her Character of severity, she oblig'd him to leave off a Discourse, which seem'd not to please her.

Chanlien, who was hearkning, ravish'd with so passionate a Conversation, thought that he might come in and nick the time, with joining his Reasons to those of his Friend ; he boldly came in, and taking one of his Sisters fair hands,

hands, he subtly laid it into St. *Hubert's*, who venturing to kiss it with fervour, presently sought for the effect in her Eyes, which that Action might have produc'd, and finding nothing there that was sinister to his love, he took the boldness to speak to her of it as eloquently as he could possible.

Long since had Mademoiselle of *Chanlieu* known the Knight *St. Hubert's* passion, and her Heart had already given to it self divers Lessons on that Chapter; she found nothing in it of advantage for her part; and setting aside all his fine Qualities, she fretted at her self, and at her small resistance; Sometimes she would flatter her self in her amorous thoughts, and her Brothers example seem'd to authorise her in divers things. Those Reflexions gave her but little rest, and her uneasiness

uneasiness did clearly appear on her face, she had a Maid Servant, in whom she did much confide, and who already was the confident of that pain which tormented her; she made her to lie with her that night, and did conjure her to give her Remedies proper for her passion; how cross is Love, *said she sighing*, to kindle in two hearts so opposite in Religion, one and the same Love, so much agreement, with so much antipathy; then adding those reasons which she thought to have to hate the Knight, she would afterwards endeavour to justify her inclinations, and let her self be carry'd away by the rapid motion of her Star.

La Grange, (so was that Maid nam'd,) who knew after what manner she was to manage her Mistress's mind, had never directly oppos'd her self to her pleasure,

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not to affrighten her passion on the suddain, she had contented her self 'till then, to dexterously insinuate to her, without affectation, some hatred for all that was Catholick, and whether through that Motive, or for other secret Reasons, she never ceas'd speaking well of *St. Sauveur*; yet perceiving that now her heart was on the point of determination, she made her so powerful a representation of the evil consequences which she did foresee, thereby to retard the course of a tenderness, which was taking a Road so contrary to her desires, that at last she did quite byass her. She said that so strong a passion could not be cur'd, but by violent Remedies; that to that effect, she was to accustom her self with some Gentleman worthy of her; that that was an easie way to destroy the Ideas of a primary flame, and that

that she found nothing in St. *Sauveur* unworthy of her esteem.

Mademoiselle of *Chanlieu* found both good sense and ingenuity in that proposition, and becoming melancholick in the highest degree, had almost no other thoughts than to free her self from that evil which possess'd her: she intreated her Brother to press her no longer on a thing so disadvantageous to her; she let him see the difference there was betwixt an *Hugonot* who lov'd a Catholick Woman, and a Catholick who lov'd an *Hugonot* Woman; that his example ought not to perswade her, nor to render her guilty of his weaknesses. *Chanlieu* not knowing whence that blow came, was mov'd at this discourse, and had not his Love taken him by his own interest, perhaps he had found those reasons of his Sister

very lawful; he then carp'd at all she said, and complain'd of it in a manner to make her apprehend how far his vexation did go.

That was the Cause, why she resolv'd to use a great management in her concerns, and to temporise: she affected a gay humour, and though resolv'd never to sacrifice her Conscience's interest to that of her Love; she did frequently give St. *Hubert* some little marks of that which she had for him: this constraint did infinitely disturb her Soul, and so rapid an agitation causing her to fall into a violent fever; there was for some days a doubt of her Cure; but at last youth, and her good habit did re-establish her, almost against her own desires.

It can not be said how much that sickness caus'd of trouble to St.

St. *Hubert*, he himself had like to have died with sorrow, while that St. *Sauveur* enrag'd to see, as it were in the arms of another, a Person whose Conquest he had thought so easie, did find some ease in his affliction, by that which his Rival did feel. He gave her a visit, and having been inform'd that she had spoke his name in the height of her raving, he the more pressingly did express to her the share which he bore in her indisposition. She receiv'd his Compliment in a very acknowledging manner, gave him to believe she approv'd of his visit That Gentleman who did not expect such a favourable reception, return'd her a thousand thanks, and went from her but with regret, he could not guess whence that kind reception proceeded unless her Sickness had render'd her more tractable than formerly.

It was about that time that *St. Hubert* had some information that his Kinsman the Viscount was come into that Province, where he had conducted the Marchioness his Wife; his devoir inviting him to give them a Visit; he learnt during his stay with them the occasion of their misunderstanding. The Viscount had formerly given a very rich Cabinet to the Marchioness, in which the Workman had made a secret very difficult to be discover'd; and there remaining in it by accident a Billet-dous which he writ to her, she after his departure having examin'd every corner of the Cabinet, had believ'd the Bill to be design'd for some other, and being jealous of her self, her passion had dictated that which he receiv'd in *Lorain*, so that at his return he had resolv'd to avoid all future misunderstandings by a sudden Mariage, and

and so conclude that to be only the means which could set him at ease. The Marchioness smil'd at the discourse, and said that if any one had taken advantage of her credulity, that for the future she would no longer pass for simple, and that the Viscount would take but too great advantages of her weakness: The Knight took delight in that little fuge, and gave them also an exact account of his late Adventures, how that he had found by chance, that which he could never find by any application; with divers other passages of his Love. The Marchioness resented a great deal of joy at it, and in the desire to see a person that so much resembled her, she engag'd *St. Hubert* to afford her that satisfaction, so soon as she should be recover'd of her indisposition; she enquired of him whether he found himself Well of his

Love, and whether he believ'd not there were some Schism or Heresie in the Service of a *Hugonot*? on which he crav'd a cessation of Arms after a gallant manner; and made her a profound and pleasant Reverence, which stood in place of a Repartee.

A Lover highly smitten cannot make long discourses in one and the same place, he still bears something in his mind that disturbs him, and deprives him of a great tranquility. Thus he had pass'd whole Months at the Viscounts, with that joy which formerly the Marchioness did inspire in him, on the likeness she had with Madmoifelle of *Chanlieu*: He had then consoled himself of her absence on so fair an account, had not the desire which he had of knowing his Condition, continually persecuted him: he
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got on horseback, and that very day came to her, where he found Madmoiselle of *St. Habert*, who was purposely come to take her friend in order to make her change air, and the Journey was concluded with *Chanlieu* against the next day.

They were no sooner come to his House, but he particularly and wholly apply'd himself to procure them all the Divertisements that the Season would afford; he daily invented new ones, and being satisfied with himself to have so agreeable a Company, he fancy'd such Crotesco's, which he contriv'd in such sort, as made his wit to be admir'd: Madmoiselle of *Chanlieu* perceiv'd it but too much, and her heart which felt no real flame but for him, did endeavour to quench it by divers Lessons which she read to her self; all her ef-

forts were very weak in that respect, and if on the one hand she had the vexation to love a Man, which could not marry her, on the other, she found a particular Charm to behold and hear him which was capable to discover her secret. Love and Reason, gave by turns cruel onsets to her mind, and representing to her self fate more dangerous than it was, she was very uneasie. All endeavour'd to dissipate that Melancholly, which seem'd as a relick of her Distemper. And Madmoiselle of St. *Hubert* having made her promise to be chearful, they resolv'd to put a pleasant trick upon the Viscount.

He had writ to the Knight that he would come to see him. This last having fancy'd that he might take Madmoiselle of *Chantlieu* for his own Lady, he desir'd *Chantlieu* to dispose his Sister to
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take that day they should come, such an undress as the Marchioness us'd to wear, she easily consented to it; the Viscount came late with his Lady, and Saluted the whole Company, except Madmoiselle of *Chanlieu*, whom he really took for his own Lady; mean time fancying that he had seen her in two places at once, he remain'd in a doubt, that gave occasion to a fit of laughing, which discompos'd him. The Marchioness having first taken notice of the mistake, went and took Madmoiselle of *Chanlieu* by the hand, made her a thousand Carresses on their resemblance, and presented her to her Husband; who, no longer doubting but she was the Person of whom he had heard so much, Saluted her, and told her a hundred pleasant things on that Subject: the time they were together having afforded

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divers agreeable Conversations, she related to her the story of her Bracelet, which she promis'd to send to him.

This Rencontre having stirr'd up a desire in those ingenious Persons, of frequently seeing one another, they made Matches, from which Love, who gains from all things, gain'd advantage; and if the opening of the Campaign had not disturb'd such innocent pleasures, nothing had been wanting to their entire happiness: The fair *Chanlieu* had no longer so great a weight of Melancholy, and *Madmoiselle of St. Hubert*, who was naturally more airy, had so aptly inclin'd her mind towards pleasures, that she insensibly did take delight to divert her self as well as the rest; she had for some time committed the conduct of her Heart to her own destiny, and but weakly oppos'd her

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 passion: *La Granges* Counsels
 were fallen lame by the way, and
St. Sauveur came no longer in
 Competition. Divertisement would
 not allow her any time to think
 on her first Enterprize, and *St. Hu-*
bert did easily find out opportu-
 nities in which to express his ten-
 derness to her; but Orders being
 come, they were forc'd to part:
Chanlieu would go a Volunteer to
 partake of those dangers which
 might befall him; and this se-
 paration, preceeded by a tender
 Farewel, drew a deluge of Tears,
 not excepting Madmoiselle of
Chanlieu. I must confess that *St. Hu-*
bert told her the most moving
 things in the World; he did par-
 ticularise to her the secret moti-
 ons of his passion, and omitted
 nothing to make her approve of
 so Heroick a Love. Must it be that
 through a diversity of Faith (*said*
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he) you should refuse to give me
 yours, which would render me
 most happy? believe me, Mad-
 moiselle, the Orders of the
 Court shall never make me to
 act any thing to your preju-
 dice: You shall ever be the
 Mistress of my Heart, and I shall
 sacrifice with pleasure my Fortune
 to my Love. Then would he
 change Discourse, to inform her
 after what manner they might
 Love without agreeing in their
 Religions; he seem'd by these
 Arguments to set both their
 Hearts in a perfect harmony, and
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tageous Light, and that he spoke but by halves concerning their difficulties: Yes, Knight, I suspect you, *added she*, and If I distrust my self in Love, why may not I suspect you? I insist not to obtain a Victory, which perhaps might cost me my Life. Remember, that it would suffice many others if I did but merely assure them of my Friendship, and that I wish you an happy return. He could obtain nothing more than the permission of Writing to her, when Monsieur of *Chanlieu* would inform him of her Health, and taking leave of her, they went their ways with the Viscount, all three possess'd with very different thoughts.

Monsieur the Marshal of *Crequi*, was very eager to recover that credit by the taking of *Luxemburg*, which he had lost through the great Snow that had fallen
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the Year before, and to reduce a place which he had been in a manner oblig'd to quit. All the Winter had been employ'd about all the necessary Preparations, to beat back Parties that continually Sally'd out on the Plains; the Orders were given from Court, and the Approaches were made with more ease than was expected; the Trench was open'd, and the Prince of *Chymai* omitting nothing on his part, for the preservation of a Town which he was resolv'd to defend for divers Reasons, both Parties dispos'd themselves to a vigorous offence and defence. The Governour, that he might not tax himself of any neglect, fail'd not in the least to any Duty of his function, and adding policy to strength, caus'd in one Night all his Batteries to be rais'd, on certain elevations which command a great Plain; and the

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next day he sent some Squadrons to shew themselves on that side; the Besiegers who went to Charge them, sent their Horse after them, but the *Spaniards* giving way too soon, there was not had from the fire of the Batteries all the success, which had been expected. Yet St. *Hubert*, who had been Commanded one of the first, to beat back that Party, was wounded with a splinter in the Head, and though his Wound did not appear very dangerous, it caus'd him a very violent Fever, which put his Friend into some fears.

He writ word of it to his Sister, who during their long absence had liesure to abandon her self to her austere Reflections: *La Grange*, who found those moments favourable to her desires, did incessantly labour in them, and St. *Sauveur* was on his part
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very assiduous, in expressing to her after a nice manner something of his Passion. This Charming Maiden assaulted so many ways, did resist as much as she could possibly, and Love would soon make her to return from all that she undertook to his prejudice. How happy am I, *said she one day, in the height of her thoughts,* to still despair following that Party, which Reason and my Duty lead me to, and that a fatal Love should come unpunished to triumph over my weakness! no, continued she, I must triumph in my turn, and after I have so long suffer'd, I will take up a resolution, advantageous to my Conscience, and fatal to my Tenderness: My Heart which first yielded, shall be the first Victim which I will sacrifice to my severity, and St. *Sauveur* shall possess that place, which I
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had too weakly given up to a Catholick.

This last thought had so prevail'd over her mind, that she omitted no means of finding opportunities to favour *St. Sauveur*, and to give him marks of a tenderness, which she endeavour'd to ravish from *St. Hubert*: He was privately advertis'd of it by his correspondent; and if he had not made an amorous scruple of accepting of an Heart which was not offer'd him by a Principle of Inclination, peradventure that he had wholly triumph'd over his Rival, notwithstanding all the Indifferency which was had for him: He therefore complain'd of the manner after which he was to be belov'd, and refining on the score of sensibility, he protested to her that he preferr'd hatred to such a kind of Love, that he had studied on the nature of tenderness, and

and that he figur'd to himself no pleasure but in a conformity of Sentiments.

This generous proceeding was capable of increasing that esteem which she might have for him; Mademoiselle of *Chantieu*, in discovering to him that which she felt for St. *Hubert*, did on the other hand assure him, that it was not only through necessity, that she had resolv'd to receive him favourably; that friendship usually was a fore-runner of Love, and that in a word he fram'd to himself *Chimeras* on a Party which he ought to embrace with joy; that she would cure her self in time of a flame, which she look'd on already as guilty, and that he ought not to distrust his own good Parts. In all that, there was nothing but what was very obliging, and St. *Sauveur* had doubtless pass'd over all considerations,

rations, if there had been any bottom in all those advances which were made him: Madmoiselle of *Chanlieu* still wavering in her designs, wish'd her self ill for having made him such large advances, and the Idea of the Knight appearing again to her Eyes with all his Charms, she retracted in her self those Offers which she had made in favour of his Rival. The news also of his illness came so pat to disturb that new Project, that one scarcely can describe the effect which it produc'd: Compassion brought back her true Love, and made her then, more than ever, to know the true Character of her Passion.

She was oppress'd with fear, and apprehending the danger greater than it was, her Soul was plung'd into inconceivable troubles and agitations: She would sometimes represent to her self the

the Knight half dead ; and sometimes again she would check that thought which she had entertain'd of driving him from a place which so justly possess'd : She render'd a Visit to Mademoiselle of *St. Hubert*, to shew her what part she took in that sorrow which that ill News did cause her, and resolv'd not to leave her very soon, she gave Orders to keep that Visit private, that she might not be disturb'd. They related to one another very agreeable things on the conformity of their Inclinations ; they exclaim'd against that blindness of Fate, that had produc'd such cross oppositions in their Amours , in managing so ill their Inclinations ; they both storm'd against the rigour of the Edicts, and a Thousand times wish'd to have them re-establish'd in the same condition in which *Henry the Great* had left them.

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Finally, after having express'd great Complaints, they thought they ought to temporise a little, and that peradventure time would produce then some unexpected means; that it were better to wait patiently for the time to come, than to torment themselves through uncertain apprehensions. That was the best part they had to take; it is to languish to be always foreseeing what is to happen either of pleasant or distastful; the privation of a Good which we hope for, passes in our minds for a real loss, and it is but the forwarding of ones evil, thus to seek after it before it be come. *St. Sauveur*, could not tell since that time to what to attribute that coldness which he found in *Mademoiselle of Chaulieu's* proceeding; and though he valued himself on the account of Penetration, yet could he not discover

discover the true cause thereof. All that *La Grange* could say, was, that it was an effect of her Mistress's Irresolution; he would not believe it, and boggling at all things, he fruitlessly sought after that which was so easie to be found; his hopes being so soon vanish'd away did much afflict him, and meeting, notwithstanding all his new Attempts, with a resistance which he had not expected, his Resentment prevail'd above his Reason, and vex'd to have been the Cully of a Woman, he resolv'd to have no considerations for a Person who had so little regard for him.

There is nothing so dangerous as a Lover, who thinks himself play'd upon by that Person of whom he is favour'd; his Love frequently degenerates into fury, and nothing is capable to put a stop to his fatal designs. *St. Sauveur*
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representing a wrong which he look'd on as the highest of scorn, prepossess'd on the other hand with his good Qualities, pass'd on the sudden into extravagancies, and resolv'd to revenge himself, at any rate soever. He remember'd that an *Italian* had frequently mention'd to him a compos'd Perfume; which might easily be inclos'd in a Packet of Letters, and which at the very first opening would attack with his subtle and corrosive parts, whatsoever offer'd it self to them.

He was not ignorant how jealous a young Lady is of her Beauty, and that treachery seem'd to him proper for his revenge, he was resolv'd to make use of it, to punish that which he call'd the infidelity of a Demon, in Madmoiselle of *Chanlieu*; it was her Face that had first of all poison'd his Heart, he thought
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She openly chid her Brother on his sluggishness, and told him things grounded on so firm and Christian a Moral, that peradventure he had resolv'd not to be of the number of the Temporisers,

porisers, if he had less permitted himself to be possess'd with his passion. In this confusion she believ'd that she might obtain one thing from her Lover's Generosity, after which she fight with so much ardency, his merit was not unknown to her, and in the hopes of receiving from him that mark of a truly Heroick Love, on which she should account all her life time, she resolv'd to propose it to him at the first opportunity; and beginning, by letting him see in her lovely eyes, and in her actions, some part of her tenderness; How unjust and capricious is Fate, said she to him, to that purpose? I find in my self some dispositions to love you, which cause me to blush, and if my whole Religion did not step in to my aid, perhaps you would not complain of my severity: But, Knight, judge without Interest,

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The Passages began to be possess'd, since the Squabbles of the Province of *Daulphine*, and she had gladly made use of St. *Sauveur*, to facilitate her retreat, if it had been possible; his Crime was still unknown to her, and she had easily intrusted her self to his Cares and Conduct.

She openly chid her Brother on his sluggishness, and told him things grounded on so firm and Christian a Moral, that peradventure he had resolv'd not to be of the number of the Temporisers,

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of the Party which is left me to take ; or rather acknowledge your self, that you would be sorry to see a thing happen, which would cost me no less than my life. I could wish in a word, that our Religions could agree together as well as our hearts : Alas ! you should not then reproach me of Insensibility. There she shed abundance of tears, which had like to have made St. *Hubert* die with Love ; he cleav'd to her knees, and endeavouring to gather on his face some of that precious water, he told her languishingly, that he should make to himself perpetual reproaches to have lov'd her, if his Love was not of a different Character from that of other men ; and if he did not distinguish that bright flame which kindled it. Yes, Madmoiselle, answer'd he to her, I love you like a Goddess, and your Orders are so dear to me, that

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Alas! answer'd she, I never doubted of the brightness of your flame; I know you but too much, Knight, and perhaps I should not know you so much, but this injustice of the Court disconsolates me; and seeing I must begin to give you some marks of my weakness, by that of my confidence, I am forc'd to confess to you, that nothing ties me more to my own Country, than the pleasure I have to see you there; and that my Conscience incessantly pressing me on that point, I cannot defer going else-where to seek out a safe place of refuge for it. You sigh, *added she*, but do you not find

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It was by the means of a Correspondence at *Roan*, by whom he frequently receiv'd old Cloaths. The wracks of the Packet-Boat, which had been driven to shore, had been found by Souldiers, who had kept them, but so long time as requir'd to sell them; and because an exact search was made after all that had been found, they had rid themselves of it so fast as they could. The Knight thus inform'd, pay'd for the Suit, and had it carried to his Chamber, where he water'd it with a torrent of tears. He complain'd
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of his ill fate in so moving an air, that no body could forbear to Sympathise with him in his sorrow; he was laid in a Bed overcome with grief, and in a Condition that mov'd compassion; he at first refus'd all sort of nourishment, but at last he took a resolution worthy of his Courage; for in the thoughts that the Sea might have cast on Shoar the Body of a Person so dear to him, he resolv'd to examine all the Coasts adjacent to the wrack, to enquire after a thing which appear'd so important to his Love; he got to the *Hague*, where he was oblig'd to rest two days, to repair the troubles of his mind; but rest did but increase his restlessness; he found in all places the Person he hunted after, and Madmoiselle of *Chanlieu* did continually appear before his eyes, his imagination would make him divers representations of the Shipwrack; which

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griev'd him so, that some times, believing himself present at that accident, he would frequently rise on the sudden, as if to assist her whom he thought to see in the midst of the waves.

In the height of these his ravings, there happen'd an adventure in his Inn, which serv'd but to confound him the more; St. *Sauveur* had lodg'd there, during his stay in that Town; and the Knight's apartment had been his. He had taken Ship to go for *England*, overcome wth a remorse, and the negligence of his Man, who had let him forget some loose Papers in the corner of a Chamber, behind the Hangings, gave opportunity to St. *Hubert's* Man to lay his hands on them; amongst which, he found a Letter, which he gave to his Master; it was a description of St. *Sauveur's* Love, his Pursuits, and his unfortunate Effects; he there impos'd
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on himself most grievous torments, and severe punishments; and declar'd that being unworthy to live after so barbarous an action, he design'd to end the rest of his days, in the bottom of some horrid and dismal Wilderness; that to begin the punishment of his Crime, he would Publish it, and by that means, make some kind of reparation to a Person whom he had treated with so much inhumanity; the Letter was without direction, and concluded with an Eternal farewell, and assurances, that he was going to end the rest of his days in some hollow Cave in the Isle of *Carolina*.

The Knight was not long before he found the sence to this Letter, which was design'd for *La Grange*, on whom all the ill fate of that Enterprize had fallen; he doubted not but that this unfortunate Lover was the Author of a death which had made some

noise, and that he had attempted on a Person, whose loss had so soon follow'd his pernicious practices. He fixt himself after the manner of the ancient *Romans* to seek for her Body, to render his last Duties to those Relicks which he ador'd; and following his way, he made the most exact perquisition after it that could be imagin'd.

When he was got at *Roan*, he learnt, that not long since five or six dead Bodies had been taken up in the *Dolens*, and particularly that of a Woman, who doubtless was a Person of Quality, by those Jewels which had been found in the folds of her Cloathes. That News accomplish'd his despair; he did intreat of the Commander that he might take her up again to make a Funeral worthy of her; and his Love inspiring him with Thoughts full of distraction, did retain him long in a place which

which was so grievous to him, so that he had much to do to get from it to return home.

Mademoiselle of *St. Hubert* presently perceiv'd that there was something more than absence in his Mind, and his Tears having made her to hit on the right cause, she made loud Complaints, which oblig'd *Charlieu* to come and take his share, in the cruel destiny of a Person that was so dear to them all.

The Knight in the midst of so many Condolances, believ'd that he should better and with more patience bear with his sorrow in such places where he had never seen his charming Mistress, and the King sending them some succour to the Duke of *Savoy*, against the Inhabitants of the Vallies, whom he accus'd to have given protection to his Evasive Subjects, he was of the number of those Officers that were Com-

manded for that Expedition: His departure was no longer accompanied with those troubles which are caus'd by separation from a Mistress; he had then such as were much more grievous to bear, and the sweet hopes to see again what one loves had no place in his Breast. He at every moment represented to himself Mademoiselle of *Chanlieu* dead and buried, and the satisfaction of that remembrance did but increase his sorrow. In that conflict of Thoughts, there happen'd one very surprising, which was that he believ'd, in going to make his Campaign the Ghost of that illustrious Person would reproach his Conduct, and would blame him for having made War against Persons that were of her Religion.

That consideration did stay him in the Province of *Dauphine*; besides he being not over much prepossess'd with the Opinions of the

the Catholicks, he found that they acted with too much rigour against innocent Persons, which were charged with imaginary Crimes. That Languidness which he had contracted, furnishing him with means to feign an Indisposition, he obtain'd to be transported to *Grenoble* to recover his Health; where having not found the Air conformable to his melancholy humour, he afterwards chose *Marfeilles*, the Governour of which place he particularly knew; and finding that Sea-port to his mind, he resolv'd to reside there.

His particular delight was the walk on the Key, where at every hour there are seen Ships come in loaded with Curiosities. Besides, he impos'd it as a Law to himself, to frequently reproach the Sea of her injustice, and to ask it an account of the Murther

which it had committed ; he never did see any strange Vessels come in, but he inform'd himself of the Road they had come, and that which they design'd to keep, and preferring that Diversion to all those which others would have procur'd him, he would stay in the Citadel no longer time than needed, not to appear ridiculous.

The Governour, who thought himself oblig'd to Divert him, omitted nothing to that purpose, wherefore he made Matches in consideration of him. And the pleasure which the Knight took to be on Ship-board, having oblig'd the Governour to invite him one day at Dinner on one of the largest that was in the Harbour ; he was interrupted by an Officer, who gave him notice, that one of the Visitors had found some Protestant Subjects on a Dutch Vessel, which the Storm had forc'd in. That news was unpleasing to

to him, but the Orders of the Court being very precise on that account, he order'd that they should be presently brought to him: But how great was *Sp. Hubert's* Surprise at their coming! he thought he saw amongst them *Madmoiselle of Chantieu*; and taking for a fantasm, what doubtless was a real Body, he fancied himself to be in an Inchant'd Island, or that at least this Adventure was nothing but a Dream. His Heart was in a continual throbbing, and in that uncertainty of his good fortune, he knew not what Party to take. His Eyes were so wild, and his Thoughts so confus'd, that he scarce knew himself; yet he found himself no longer liable to mistakes; his Love had taught him the difference there was betwixt her and all the rest of the World, and the Viscountess could no longer make him mistake.

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ask neither where I was, nor what
they design'd to do with me ; I call'd
however five or six times for my Wo-
man ; and I recover'd again from a
languishment, which made me find
more sorrow in Life than in Death.

He who had taken care of me, came
then and cast himself on his knees near
my Bed, and ask'd me a thousand
Pardons, in a manner worthy of pity
and compassion ; he protested to me,
that if the Heavens had not given
him strength in saving me out of the
Sea, to preserve a Life which he
thought he had taken from me, that he
never had dar'd to appear before me ;
and that if Repentance deserv'd that
what was past should be forgotten,
there never had been one more sin-
cere than his, nor follow'd with
greater remorse.

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This confession made me think there was some mistake, and that I my self was deceiv'd, in taking the Person who spoke to me for St. Sauveur ; I made him to expound himself again, and so soon as he had inform'd me of the secret of his Action, I let him know that I was not in a Condition to owe any ill will to any body; that I hop'd in a short time to be rid of these evils which overcame me, and that without any consideration to those Services which he had lately render'd me, I did freely forgive him.

At that moment another faintness took me, which troubled him: Mean time the Storm still continu'd, and we had got the fourth Day to the height of Tangier ; the fifth the Wind chang'd, and permitted us to pass the Streights, to go Land in Spain in the nearest Harbour. Our Ship, which was bound for London, finding it self in the Mediterranean Sea, resolv'd to go to Genoua

nova to take in some Goods on the account of the Merchants ; but the Sea, which seem'd to oppose it self to all our Designs, kept us shut up at Valencia during three whole Months : There I suffer'd all that could be imagin'd ; and if that St. Sauveur had not continued his Cares towards me, I believe that I had not escap'd the Waves ; but to die presently after on Land. He found out a Maid to serve me, and gave Money to the Captain of the Vessel to lend me, not daring to offer me any himself. It was then that he related to me all that his Enterprize had made him to suffer, and that thinking himself unworthy to live, he was resolv'd to go to Carolina, there to pass his Life like a true Hermit ; that in that design he had took Shipping for England, but that the Packet-boat having stricken against their Vessel in the Road, it had been broke to pieces, the Storm not permitting so much as to save the Crew : That I

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had happily fasten'd my self to a Plank, which the Waves had cast on their Deck, and so had preserv'd me from an unavoidable danger; he added, that mov'd with Compassion, he himself had carried me into a Cabbin, near to two Dutch Women, whom he intreated to take care of me, and to put me into a Bed, after which he came to know me again, when he was bringing some Cordials to comfort me; that he had long doubted of the reality of this Adventure, and that he never was fully convinc'd of the Truth till he had heard me speak. At this Recital he shed Tears, which mov'd me, whatever I could say, that this last Action did sufficiently repair all that a too violent Passion had formerly inspir'd him with to my disadvantage; his Melancholy increas'd, by which he contracted such a sorrow, which kill'd him in few days.

I confess to you, that I was afflicted at it, and that he had at least
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the satisfaction in dying, to perceive the sorrow which his loss caus'd in me: We being in a Country, whence he could draw no Consolation but from himself, I thought it necessary for me to see him, and I dare say that he was overjoy'd in those last Moments, to hear me pray to God for him; he had oblig'd me to look after his Money, with which he had presented me in the time of necessity, which I accepted not, but on conditions to return it to his nearest Relations. Thus did I see expire a Person, who had given me different occasions of Love and Hatred towards him. I was so accusom'd after that Death to suffer whatever Fortune prepar'd for me of good or evil, that I look'd without the least concern on the wrong which she thought to have made me, in casting us from the Coast of Italy, whence we were not far, into this Harbour, which appears to me safe, through the pleasure which I receive
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to find you here, and to see you again with the same generous Sentiments of which you had given me such fair Proofs.

St. Hubert, impatient in his turn, to give her an account of his sufferings, and of those troubles he had endur'd, related to her all his Travels, and omitted nothing of what could give her strong Ideas of his passion; he then found that at *Roan* he had taken the Maid for the Mistress, and that it had been an hard piece of business not to have been deceived; besides those Oloaths which he had met with at the *Jewry* at *Amsterdam*, and all the other Circumstances, did but too much confirm him in his belief; so that he lookt as a Miracle on the return of a Person, who according to all appearance had been swallow'd up by the Sea, he would have given her new Testimonies of his Love, when the Governour came in, and express'd the
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the share he had in their mutual joy.

He bid them afterwards consider what measures to take, before he gave advice at Court of her seizure; that it was of great importance to take them very exact, and then leaving his friend Master of his fair Prisoner, with the means to see one another, he diminish'd by that generous act all that could remain in them of sorrow and vexation. According to all appearance there was but little remedy to be found to wholly free themselves from troubles, and had she not resolv'd to dispute of Religion with him, at that time he intended to speak of nothing but of Love, peradventure that she had never seen an end of her miseries.

She was perfectly instructed in the Roman, as well as in her own, and the Knight being accustomed to hear her frequently decide divers Controverted points, he began
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to receive that which proceeded from her delicate mouth as Oracles, and at last was of Opinion, that in spite of his Director he might enter into a particular examination of his Belief. That hard usage against the poor Protestants had already given him some Ideas of their Innocence, and of the Injustice of their Cause, he a-new consulted his own Conscience, and pierc'd by those Instructions that were given him, he believ'd that without allowance to his Love, he ought to be of the Religion of that Person whom he so tenderly lov'd.

Madmoiselle of *Chanlieu* had never yet felt such a pure joy, as that which this Conversation afforded her; her heart was so pleas'd at it, that she scarce could manage its motions, she let him know that it was by that way only, that he had made an end of Conquering her, and that in time she should give him the strongest and most solid

solid assurances of it; mean time, secrecy was to Conduct a business of that importance, and this happy Change was to remain sacred for all the rest of the World. The Major was perswaded that Mademoiselle of *Chanlieu* had resolv'd in Marrying of St. *Hubert* to wed his Religion also; by that means he had the pleasure to give to his advice what colour he pleas'd; and an answer to it being come by the next Post but one, he gave them no longer time but to advertise Mademoiselle of *Chanlieu*, and Monsieur of St. *Hubert* of the rest of their Adventures, and of their Marriage, which was perform'd very secretly. Their departure troubled him, being sorry to part with so good Company, he gave them some marks of his trouble by his Civilities; they also express'd the Obligations they had to him; and that amiable Company took the way into their own Province; they were no

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sooner got thither, but they thought
 of conveying a great deal of means
 out of the Kingdom, and after
 what manner they should retire.
 They chose a trusty Gentleman to
 make a Voyage into *Switzerland*,
 to see whether that Road would be
 more safe than the others; he was
 at *Geneva*, where he sojourned two
 days with a Friend, where having
 receiv'd full Intelligence on his
 Journey, he return'd to give an
 account of his Commission: That
 passage appearing dangerous, *St.*
Hubert had a fancy which he
 thought very feasible. The Dra-
 goons were still in the *Piedmont*,
 where they were making an
 attempt to destroy the Inhabitants
 of the Vallies: Though his duty
 did no longer call him to it, he lost
 no time, but got thither, to gain a
 passage out that way. He had a-
 gree'd with *Chanlien*, who had Mar-
 ried his Sister, that to secure more
 of their means, he should remain
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some time longer in *France*; that he should give out that *St. Hubert* was not so long absent, but to seek after his Wife who had stoln away from him. That he should change his Name, and by that means he should give him secret advices of all his Affairs.

This Resolution being taken, he convey'd part of his Means into *Holland*, where he had friends, and being got to *Turin*, with a great Equipage, he went to the Camp, whence he return'd to see his Wife at the appointed meeting place; they pass'd through the *Milanese*, and took the great Road into *Germany*, and from thence the Road to *London*, where one may remain as *incognito* as in *Paris*.

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